

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
November 21, 1922.

President Fitzhugh being absent, Clerk Bartlett called the meeting to order, after which Trustee Gilbert moved that Trustee Stone act as President pro-tem. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried. This meeting was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, November 21, 1922, and was called to order at 7:30 P.M. The following Trustees were present at roll call: Gilbert, Proctor and Stone. Absent: Nash and Fitzhugh.

On motion by Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote, the regular order of business was suspended.

Trustee Nash arrived at this time.

Mr. Gosney of the Eureka Fire Hose Co. was given the floor in order to present his line of fire hose to the Board, stating that his \$200,000.00 Company had been making fire hose since 1875; he recommended the Paragon brand of hose at \$1.30. He quoted the double jacket at prices ranging from .80 to 1.10. The 1½ inch was quoted at .65 and the double jacket at .75, recommending, however, the .65 hose. As to terms they allowed 2% for cash, four months open account, 12 months on installments and sometimes they never received anything.

Mr. Bower of the Boston Woven Hose Co. introduced his Bay State brand, quoting same at 1.00 per foot, and stating that Los Angeles had been using some of their hose for 18 years and Pasadena for 12 years. He quoted 1½ inch, same construction as the 2½ at .65. The terms would be arranged to suit the City, he said that many cities used the open account for from 90 to 120 days.

Mr. Reeve introduced Mr. Chamberlain of the Pioneer Rubber Mills of San Francisco, who explained that his company had been in business for the last 30 years, specializing in hose, belting and packing; that their Victor brand at 90 cents was a standard make with a three year guarantee, the tensile strength of which was 2000 lbs. pressure. His Guardian brand at \$.80 had a tensile strength of 1500 lbs. pressure. Mr. Chamberlain claimed that his goods were strictly home made as far as possible using Imperial Valley cotton and importing their rubber directly from the producers. The terms were 30 days net, f.o.b. here, but that an open account could be arranged through Mr. Reeve until next March. Quotation on 1½ inch was: Victor .50 and Guardian .51½ per foot.

Trustee Nash moved that 350 feet of the 2½ inch \$.80 Guardian hose be purchased. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor and Stone.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

Trustee Proctor reported that he had been instructed to procure tentative bids on a light truck and displayed a Star catalog containing specifications and prices. Mr. Peckham of Schultz, Peckham & Schultz quoted a price of \$735.40, equipped with solid tires on the rear, but that oversize Cord tires on the front wheels would cost \$13.00 extra.

Trustee Proctor moved that the City enter into a lease contract with Schultz, Peckham & Schultz for a Ford truck, equipped with solid tires on the rear and Goodyear Cord Allweather Tread tires on the front wheels. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor and Stone.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

Mr. McFarland offered the City half or the whole of Block 32 in the shoe string strip, the present dump ground, for \$5000. for lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1 and 2, or \$10000. for the whole Block, guaranteeing to sell all or any of lots above enumerated for \$1500. each. The matter was referred to the Finance committee to report at the next meeting.

The regular order of business was resumed.

The minutes of the meeting of November 8, 1922, were read and approved as read.

City Clerk Bartlett presented a map for the approval of the Board from the County Surveyors office, being a subdivision outside of the City limits.

Trustee Proctor moved that the map be referred to the City Engineer and approved with his O.K. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor reported that the regular business of his department was going satisfactorily.

Trustee Nash reported that the City had received a little money that was not expected so soon.

Mr. Fitzhugh arrived at this time.

In the matter of play grounds, Trustee Proctor stated that the present site would be inadequate very shortly, and that steps should be taken to acquire a city block for this purpose; that he thought the matter should be referred to the Chamber of Commerce and have them appoint a committee to go into the matter; in this way the attitude of the citizens might be more readily discovered.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, the matter was referred to the Chamber of Commerce to bring in recommendations. Carried.

The City Clerk reported that he had received several complaints regarding the indiscriminate passing of hand bills by business interests of near-by cities; that he considered it was against the City Ordinance and offenders should be curbed; that a license of ten dollars a day was provided by the Ordinance.

The Chief of Police was instructed to enforce the Ordinance.

Mr. Courtney was requested to appear before the Board in the matter of securing a pool hall license. He stated that he did not know that it was necessary to appear personally before the Board; that he had read the license issued to Mr. Vonderahe, but had missed the "not transferable" clause, and supposed that all that was necessary was to apply for a new license the first of the year and Mr. Vonderahe's license was good until that date;

that he wanted to comply with the law in every respect and assured the Board that it was a matter of oversight, not an intentional offense.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Mr. Courtney be granted a permit to conduct a pool hall. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The matter of fire plugs in the Vista Highland district and in the Mexican village was brought up by Trustee Gilbert who strongly urged their installation, and made a motion that the Torrance Water, Light & Power Co. be asked to place plugs at different points in the City as recommended by the Fire Chief and City Engineer. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Rather flagrant violations of the Building Ordinance were reported pertaining to the application for permits before starting operations. The Police Chief was instructed to enforce the Ordinance in this respect.

The Police Chief again asked about the overloading of trucks, stating that the laws covering same were rather ambiguous, and put him in an unenviable position as to enforcement.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Ordinance committee be instructed to draw up an Ordinance covering the overloading of trucks, and make it plain enough to obviate all question of ambiguity. After being seconded by Trustee Gilbert, same was carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 37

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIRING AND REMOVING OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUING OF PERMITS FOR THE SAME, AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE; AND ALSO PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A BUILDING INSPECTOR"

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 37 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 39

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HOLDING REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE" NUMBERED NO. 15, BY PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE OF THE TIME OF MEETING OF SUCH BOARD, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 24

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 39 be adopted as read for its final reading, and that the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 40

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
REGULATING THE OPERATION OF POOL AND
BILLIARD HALLS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 40 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor moved that all bills, properly audited be paid. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Fitzhugh stated that the plans for the jail and fire house would probably be ready by morning.

At 11:55 Trustee Nash moved that the meeting adjourn until Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 P.M. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Albert H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

S. J. Stone
President pro-tem of the Board
of Trustees of the City of Torrance.